

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 22-29 are pending. Independent claims 1, 9, 10 and 26 are currently amended. Claims 18-21 are canceled. No new matter is introduced.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating claims 20 and 21 were directed to allowable subject matter. To expedite prosecution, each of the independent claims has been amended, without prejudice to the filing of a continuation. The allowability of each of the independent claims, as amended, will be apparent in view of the Examiner's indication that claims 20 and 21 were directed to allowable subject matter.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner disagrees or has concerns with informalities, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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